

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Robert E. Dutton et al.

Application No.: 10/542,119

Group No.: 2856

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Examiner: Rodney T. Frank

For: DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT OF PROPPANT ADDED TO A FRACTURE FLUID
USING A CORIOLIS FLOW METER

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Commissioner for Patents

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

In response to the Notice of Allowance, dated April 5, 2007, a Comment on the statement of reasons for allowance is submitted.

The Notice of Allowance states:

A measurement system and a method of measuring an amount of proppant comprising the measuring of a density of a base fluid, measuring a density of a fracturing fluid, measuring a density of said proppant, and then determining the amount of proppant based on the three density measurements, in combination with all other limitations of independent claims 1 and 12, are not disclosed nor deemed obvious in view of the prior art of record.

The Reasons for Allowance are in error. The Reasons state "measuring a density of said proppant." This is incorrect. Claims 1 and 12 both recite determining an amount of said proppant in said fracture fluid based on said base fluid density measurement, said fracture fluid density measurement, and a density of said proppant. Neither claim recites "measuring a density of said proppant." The Reasons for Allowance should not include the wording "measuring a density of said proppant."

Respectfully submitted.

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